



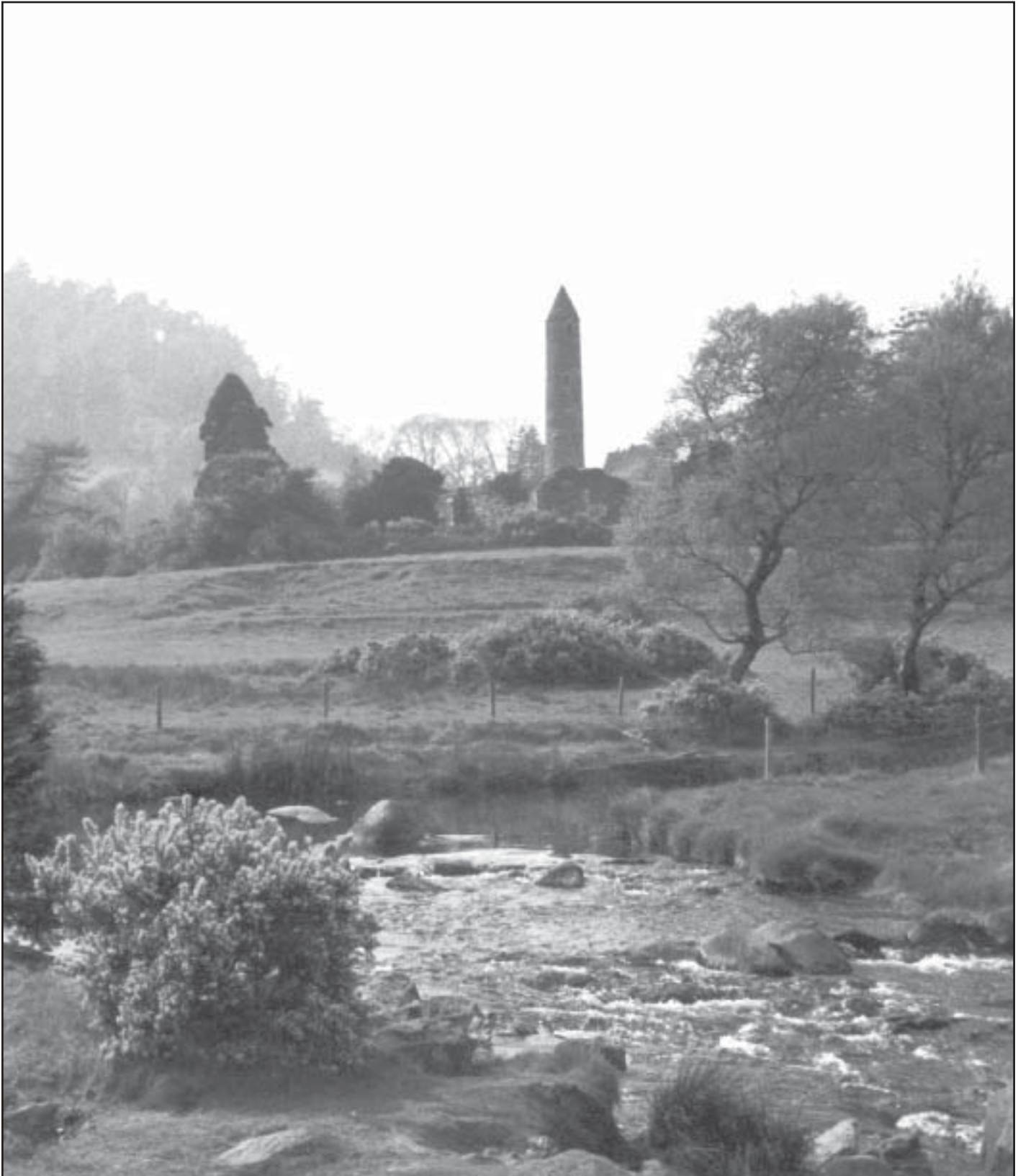
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Library Landscapes

Irish Photos at Mattapoissett Library

The Mattapoissett Free Public Library is proud to present a special display of Three Original Irish Landscape Photographs taken by Mattapoissett's own Don Cuddy in celebration of Saint Patrick's Day. Be sure to stop by the library to see these and other works by regional South Coast artists.

The Mattapoissett Free Public Library is also seeking volunteers for the following programs and activities:

- The Third Annual Library Day on Tuesday, July 12 at Shipyard Park (part of the Mattapoissett Lions Club's Harbor Days). They need artists and photographers for this year's "Snap the Town" Art Auction and "Taste of the Town" Coordinators.

- One Book/One Mattapoissett: A townwide book discussion group with noted author Robert B. Parker is slated for the month of June. They need folks to assist with various planned activities related to the reading of his book, *Double Play*, which comes out in paperback on June 7. Ideas include a Family Baseball Game, an old-time



Above: The Annual Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) Concert Series at Old Rochester Regional High School last week culminated in the combined efforts of the ORR Junior and Senior High School Bands; the Old Hammondtown School Band; the Rochester Memorial School Band and the Sippican School Band of Marion. More than 300 students played the final number together under the direction of Steve Rogers, ORR High School Band Director. The FORM Concert allows tri-town area music students to perform for and with each other while raising money for music scholarships. Scholarships have been awarded since 1983. (Photo by and courtesy of Laura McLean).

On the cover: This shot of Glendalough County, Wicklow in Ireland taken by Don Cuddy of Mattapoissett is just one of several photographs now on display at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library in honor of Saint Patrick's Day. This scenic spring locale is the site where Saint Kevin founded a monastery in the sixth century. (Photo by and courtesy of Don Cuddy).

Radio Night, a Book-Signing and Discussion with the author, posters, bookmarks and more!

The library also needs folks to help relocate to Center School in late June.

Interested citizens should attend the Public Forum on Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm at Center School to find out the latest news about the building renovation and expansion plans.

For more information, please contact Library Director Judy Wallace at 508-758-4171.

Be sure to check out their updated website at www.mattapoissettlibrary.org.

Music Matters

ORR Jazz Band Wins Berklee

On Saturday, the Old Rochester High School Jazz Band took first place at the Berklee Jazz Festival. The band



Above: Members of the Old Rochester Regional High School Jazz Band perform last week at the Berklee Jazz Festival where they took first place honors. The ORR Jazz Combo also took third place earning a finalist plaque. The ORR Jazz Band is now poised to compete at the National Competition Jazz Cup Festival in Branson, Missouri next month. (Photo by and courtesy of Wayne Kellum).

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was awarded top trophy. The ORR Jazz Combo also took third place earning a finalist plaque. Trevor Kellum received two Judges' Choice Awards — one for each band — and a finalist Outstanding Musicianship Award. Congratulations to the entire band for working hard to reach this level of achievement!

The hard-working Jazz Band under the direction and vision of Director Stan Ellis (who shaved his moustache as promised if the band won the competition) received a gold medal last Tuesday, March 8 at the Cape Cod/South Coast International Association of Jazz Educators (IAJE) competition in Falmouth. Outstanding Musicianship Awards went Aaron Janik, Brent Evanson and Trevor Kellum. Trevor was also awarded the festival's Most Valuable Player Award.

The ORR Jazz Band is now poised to compete at the National Competition Jazz Cup Festival in Branson, Missouri in April. Thanks to everyone who has supported the ORR Jazz Band Fundraisers and all the fans that have also helped make possible the success of such a great group of musicians.

Trophy Returns Red Sox Trophy in Rochester

State Senator Joan M. Menard (D-Fall River) and her SouthCoast colleagues in the House of Representatives are pleased to announce that the First Bristol and Plymouth Senate District will host the 2004 World Series

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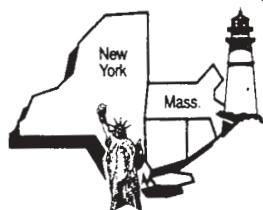
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Trophy on Saturday, March 19. Following their first World Series triumph in 86 years, the Boston Red Sox teamed up with the Massachusetts State Lottery in an effort to bring the World Series Trophy to all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. Red Sox President and CEO Larry Lucchino said: "As we have traveled around New England and across the country, the response to the Trophy from the Red Sox Nation has been even more remarkable than what we could have imagined."

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the members of Red Sox nation on the Southcoast to revel in the Red Sox historic World Series victory" said Senator Menard. "Their amazing comeback against the Yankees in the ALCS and subsequent sweep of the Cardinals in the World Series had us all captivated, and now we have a

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chance to once again celebrate."

"I am delighted that the Red Sox organization is keeping its promise and allowing millions of loyal Red Sox fans the opportunity to view the Trophy firsthand," added State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett). "This will give loyal fans in our area a chance to share in the satisfaction of an historic World Series victory."

"The Red Sox and the World Series Trophy signify the victory and triumph that are results of willpower and commitment," said Representative Stephen R. Canessa (D-New Bedford). "These are not only key elements in major league baseball but are also crucial for maintaining a successful community."

The World Series Trophy will make one stop in Swansea, Somerset, Fall River, Freetown, Rochester, and Lakeville before returning back home to Fenway Park. Below is the schedule for the day. The Trophy tour has been attracting large crowds as it makes its way across the Commonwealth, so the delegation would like to advise for attendees to plan accordingly.

- 8:00 - 9:30 am: Swansea, Case Jr. High, 195 Main Street;
- 10:00 - 11:30 am: Somerset, Somerset High School, Grandview Avenue;
- 12:00 - 2:00 pm: Fall River, Durfee High School Gymnasium, 360 Elsbree Street;
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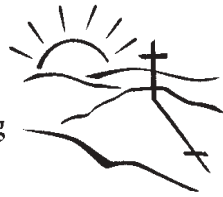
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Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting

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By Kenneth J. Souza

The Town of Mattapoisett held a Special Town Meeting on Monday, March 14 beginning in the auditorium of Center School on Barstow Street. Upon noting the presence of a quorum of approximately 165 voters, Town



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Moderator Jack Eklund called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. After a Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for departed Town Meeting members, Town Clerk Barbara Sullivan read the return of service for the warrant and Mr. Eklund introduced the various town officials present on the stage.

Town Administrator Michael Botelho then made a brief presentation to Town Meeting voters on the financial outlook for the current fiscal year and the available funds going into this Special Town Meeting.

"If you recall back in the fall, we had not finished all the salary work we were doing," Mr. Botelho said. "We were still bargaining with the Police Department ... now we're ready to fulfill that contract. We have \$1.88 million in Free Cash that was certified for use in FY 2004 ... (which is) now available for any reasonable or legal purpose and that's what we're recommending to you tonight."

Under **ARTICLE 1**, voters were asked to allocate \$85,500 from Free Cash to cover the newly-negotiated Police Department contract.

"We began the bargaining process with the Police Brotherhood almost a year ago," Mr. Botelho said. "This contract places your Police Department roughly in the mid-range to the towns on either side of us."

The Finance Committee (FinCom) recommended approval of this article.

But resident John Atkinson questioned why contractual salary obligations were being approved via a Special Town Meeting and not placed on the Annual

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“Why is it that every time the Police Department requests rate increases it always happens at a Special Town Meeting and never the Annual Town Meeting?” Mr. Atkinson asked. “Is that because the perpetrators ... are afraid they’re going to be shot down at the Annual Town Meeting?”

Mr. Atkinson then motioned to table the article until the Annual Town Meeting in May.

“When we look at the issue of accountability, we wanted to realize there is a value in experience and the amount of time they spend doing jobs for the town,” Mr. Botelho said in defense of the article. “The Board of Selectmen looked at all these jobs ... and wanted to see if Mattapoisett, as an employer, was paying comparable salaries. You also have the benefit of a Police Department here that provides an ambulance service and Advanced Life Support (ALS). The reason we are dealing with this tonight is once we reached an agreement we wanted to bring it before Town Meeting (as soon as possible).”

Mr. Atkinson’s motion to table the article did not receive a second and failed.

Another voter asked if the Police Department budget would be increased at the Annual Town Meeting in May.

“In each of the next three years’ budgets, there is a (recommended) three percent increase in the base salaries,” Mr. Botelho said.

With that, Article 1 passed 164 to 1.

Under **ARTICLE 2**, voters were asked to allocate a total \$24,900 for Supplemental Budgets under FY 2004 including: Board of Selectmen’s Advertising budget (\$2,000); the Police Chief’s salary (\$3,000); the Police Lieutenant’s salary (\$3,000); Unemployment Compensation (\$10,000); and Medicare (\$3,000).

Article 2 carried unanimously.

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Resident Brad Hathaway then questioned the status of the ongoing gasoline spill at the Mattapoisett Police Station. "A couple of weeks ago I was very concerned to read (in the newspaper) about problems with a gasoline leak at the Police Department," he said. "What I'd like to know is: was the story correct and how are we going to handle this? We are spending taxpayers' money and if we are being called to spend more money, we have a right to know where the money is going."

"The town is now under an administrative consent order to finish the cleanup (at the police station) that has been going on for a number of years," Mr. Botelho said. "There are a number of monitoring wells around the police station, most of which show no evidence of contaminants, some of which do. There is still cleanup to do ... but we are in the last stage."

Under **ARTICLE 3**, voters were asked allocate \$5,000 from Free Cash to cover Mattapoisett's share of disposal costs in the regional Hazardous Waste Collection Day to be held on May 7, 2005.

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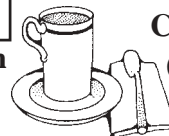
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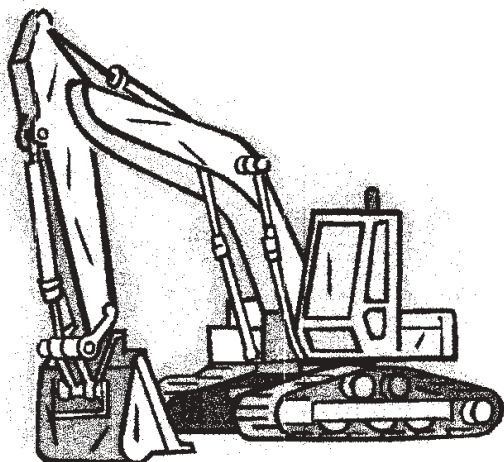
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would probably cost us \$10,000 or \$12,000,” said Board of Health Agent Dale Barrows.

Article 3 passed unanimously.

Under **ARTICLE 4**, voters were asked to allocate \$8,567.05 from Free Cash to buy back unused sick time accumulated by a former employee who worked in the Board of Assessors’ office.

Resident Daniel Lewis questioned how many days this amounts to and whether or not this would set a bad precedent for allowing employees to buy back unused sick time. “Why don’t you just tack it onto their retirement?” he asked.

“Private industry does not treat sick days this way,” added Brad Hathaway. “I think we’re allowing too many sick days because what’s happening is they’re not being used and we’re paying for them in the end. The taxpayers are being burdened right now and you know it. To me, this is wrong. Let us have a say as to whether we want to continue (this practice) or not.”

Despite these arguments, Article 4 carried via majority vote, 100 to 65.

Under **ARTICLE 5**, voters were asked to transfer \$9,950 from Free Cash to cover engineering and architectural design costs for the proposed Fire Station Building Project. The proposed project would be located off Route 6, adjacent to the existing Mattapoisett Police Station, and would likely include some space to house the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA).

This allocation, if approved, would allow the Fire Station Building Committee to contract an engineering firm to draw up initial plans for the project and they expect to request additional money at both the Annual Town Meeting in May and a possible Special Town Meeting in the fall, with the ultimate goal of breaking ground on the project in December 2005.

“It seems that Mattapoisett seniors are like foster



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kids — we get dumped from one building to another,” said resident Blanche Perry. “I think we need to look at how our neighboring towns treat seniors.”

With that, Article 5 passed via unanimous vote.

Under **ARTICLE 12**, voters were asked to appropriate \$176,202 to fund additional school transportation costs.

“During this past year, the school department had to go out to bid twice on the transportation contract,” Mr. Botelho explained, noting the ORR School District had previously returned unused funds back to the town. “But now it’s after the time when the tax rate has been set and we can’t access the money that’s already been refunded to the town. We’re going to take Free Cash now and pay it and then the amount that was refunded by the School Department will go back into Free Cash.”

The FinCom recommended approval of Article 12 and it passed via majority vote.

Town Meeting voters also approved:

- \$1,000 transfer to supplement the Town Clerk’s Election Budget (**ARTICLE 6**);
- \$40,000 transfer into the Reserve Fund (**ARTICLE 7**);
- \$10,000 transfer from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings account into the Water Enterprise Reserve Fund (**ARTICLE 8**);
- \$88,000 transfer from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to supplement the costs of replacing approxi-

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mately 1,000 feet of water main on Mattapoisett Neck Road in the area of the Town Landing (**ARTICLE 9**);

- \$16,000 transfer from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to cover costs associated with the installation of a water main on Pico Beach Road (**ARTICLE 10**);

- \$3,091.41 transfer from Waterfront Enterprise Retained Earnings to the Municipal Waterways Fund (**ARTICLE 11**);

- \$6,893 appropriation to pay the town's share of Special Counsel legal fees arising from the recent cable television license renewal (**ARTICLE 13**); and a

- \$300,000 transfer into the town's Stabilization Fund (**ARTICLE 14**).

There being no further articles to consider on the warrant, the Special Town Meeting was adjourned for the evening at 8:36 pm.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

March 15, 2005

By Eletha M. Yeaton

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Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Raymond H. Andrews. Also present were Selectman Jordan C. Collyer, Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco. Selectman Stephen J. Lombard was not present for the meeting.

After signing the necessary bills and vouchers, the board voted unanimously to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of March 1, and the Executive Session of the same date. In addition, the board voted to appoint Deborah A. Ramos of 21 Antassawamock Road as a member of the Commission on Disabilities. They further voted to appoint Cornelius J. Coleman of 1 Bay Shore Avenue as a member of the Fire Station Building Committee.

At 7:05 pm the board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to John DeMello thanking him for his many years of service to the town and almost 10 years on the Conservation Commission (ConCom). The certificate was read into the record by Selectman Collyer.

At 7:10 pm, Commander Micheal Lamoureux of the Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion presented an American Legion Certificate to M. Claire Doyle, the longest serving member of the American Legion Post. A large gathering of friends and members of the Legion were present and followed the reading of the certificate into the record with an appreciative round of applause.

Following this, Veterans Agent Barry Denham and Mr. Lamoureux asked the Selectmen for a minute to

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discuss plans for the Memorial Day Parade which will essentially remain the same as they have for the many years while the late Jack DeCosta was in charge of the ceremonies. They also wanted to be assured that the usual budgeted item of \$600 was still available for the expenses relating to the observance. The Selectmen agreed that it was, and the American Legion will present a budget and receipts for the actual amount spent.

At 7:15 pm, the board and Town Counsel met with the owner and bartender of the Cathay Temple for a Liquor License Hearing concerning two alleged violations. Mattapoisett Police Sergeant Robert Boivin testified about an incident on Sunday, February 20, when he observed cars and patrons in the establishment at 1:40 am in violation of the 1:00 am closing time. Upon entering the Cathay Temple he observed that although no liquor was being served, there was inappropriate behavior on the part of some patrons.

Building Inspector Andrew Bobola also observed on March 2 that people were using two rooms in the building as residences, and the kitchen was in disarray and not cleaned, which is a clear violation of regulations for a restaurant. In 2004, the same violation was observed and the establishment was given a warning.

Although the residents left with all possessions on the afternoon of March 2 and the kitchen was cleaned, the board felt the matter was very serious. The bartender was alone on duty at the restaurant and had asked the

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At this time the hearing was closed, and the board and Town Counsel discussed the seriousness of the violations and the appropriate penalty they felt should be imposed as a message to the Cathay Temple and other establishments in Mattapoisett that such violations will not be tolerated. After approving the motion that there had been violations of two laws regulating establishments with a liquor license, the Selectmen approved a motion to have an inspector from the Board of Health, the Building Inspector, and a Police Officer make several unannounced inspections of the premises regularly during the next 60 days. Finally, the board approved a motion to suspend the liquor license for the Cathay Temple for two consecutive business days for two consecutive weeks before April 15, 2005.

Under notes and announcements:

- The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.
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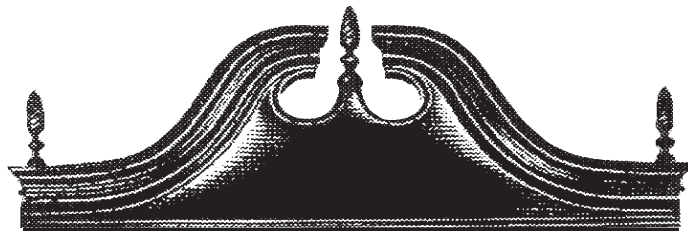


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- The board has been invited to attend a Public Hearing on the proposed annual budget of the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School's 2005-2006 Tentative Operating and Maintenance Budget on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at 6:30 pm at the school.

- A Cat and Dog Rabies Clinic will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2005. A fee of \$10 per animal will be collected and all animals need to be restrained — dogs on leash and cats in carriers. Dog licenses will be available at this time. For further information, please call the Board of Health at 508-758-4112.

Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho reported that he had almost completed the appointments to the Capital Planning Committee. The Board of Selectmen approved a motion to accept the recommendations of Mr. Botelho as appointing authority to fill the positions. Furthermore, Mr. Botelho has signed appointment slips to the Mattapoisett Fire Department for Seth Bettencourt of 116 Snipatuit Road, Rochester, and Patrick Dawson of 14 Winnatuxett Beach Road.

Under correspondence, the board:

- Sent a letter was sent to the Mattapoisett Congregational Church informing them that they have permission to hold their annual Easter Sunrise Service at

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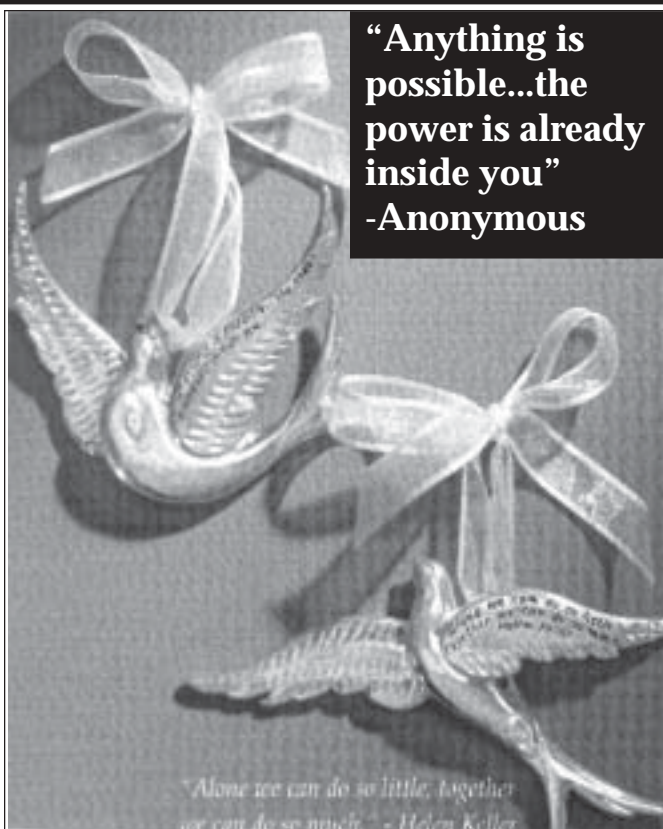


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the gazebo in Shipyard Park at 7:00 am on Sunday, March 27.

- Received an invitation from the Chairman of the Wind Power Study Committee to tour the wind turbine installed at the Hull Municipal Light on Saturday, April 2.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they voted to go into Executive Session and would reconvene for the sole purpose of adjournment.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

March 15, 2005

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm by Chairman pro tem Andrew Jeffrey. Also present were Selectman Jonathan Henry, Town Administrator John F. Dolan Jr., and Secretary Helene Craver. Selectman David Pierce was not present for the meeting.

The board first met with Police Chief Lincoln Miller and Dale Jones of the Police Station Building Committee to discuss their revised and scaled-down plans for the project, as per the request of voters at Town Meeting.

"We've come up with a revised plan that will reduce space by about 800 feet," Chief Miller said. "The total package has been reduced by \$215,000 — so we're looking at \$2.985 million over last year's \$3.2 million. I



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think we'll be able to live with the size of this project and be able to handle anything Marion has to offer over the next 50 years."

The revised plan and allocation request has been submitted for placement on next month's Annual Town Meeting warrant.

"I've been involved with the give and take and I think they've done a terrific job at taking another look at this," Selectman Henry said. "I'd like to commend Chief Miller and Dale Jones for taking their commission seriously and getting it done."

"The architect did a good job of (scaling it down) and we're pretty confident with the numbers," Chief Miller said. "We've filed a capital request with the Finance

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"My concern was the Police Department get the proper structure and we not cut out (any necessary) items," Mr. Jones added.

Mr. Dolan next updated the board on the proposed 40 articles which have been submitted for consideration on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. "I'm suggesting that we meet on March 29 for the sole purpose of reviewing (articles) on the warrant," he said.

"I sent you a list today with a list of six to eight (of these articles) that we have questions on," said Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman A. Lee Hayes. "We will be here on (March 29) to make our recommendations. There's probably two or three things we'd want to hammer out that night, but the rest are pretty routine."

"While I think it makes sense to meet the last Tuesday of the month, I also think it's also important to have the two weeks before that to let it sink in," Selectman Jeffrey added.

The board received a request from Terence Lee to close down Holmes Street between Pleasant Street and Front Street from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on April 30 for the Cub Scouts' Soap Box Derby. The board unanimously approved the request.

Likewise, Headmaster Jay Stroud of Tabor Academy submitted a request to close Front Street from Ryder Lane to Cottage Street on Saturday, June 4 from 1:30 to 3:15 pm for the school's annual Commencement Exercises. The board unanimously approved the request.

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Under New Business, Selectman Henry moved to establish an immediate policy to prohibit town employees from bringing any animals into town-owned buildings with the exception of seeing-eye dogs and similar aids.

"I think it makes sense from a safety issue," Selectman Jeffrey said.

With that, the board unanimously voted to establish said policy and directed Mr. Dolan to draw up a formal letter to that effect.

In other matters, the board:

- Received a letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Chairman Robert Wedge recommending the appointment of Stephen Cushing as a permanent full-time voting member to fill a vacancy in the wake of Bob Thackery's recent passing. The board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Cushing to the position.

- Received a request from Larry Edwards, Chairman of the North American Championship for the Club 420 Sailing Association, hosted this year by the Beverly Yacht Club of Marion, to use the Island Wharf grass area for boat storage as well as launching and



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• Received a letter from Marion School Committee Chairman Susan S. Grosart advising that a dedication of the Children's Memorial Garden in front of Sippican School will take place on Friday, May 27 at 11:15 am. The garden was built at the request of retired Principal Marylou Hobson to remember the four Sippican School students who passed away during her 14-year tenure at the school: Alexis Wisner, Marques Sylvia, Andrew Rego, and Cory Jackson.

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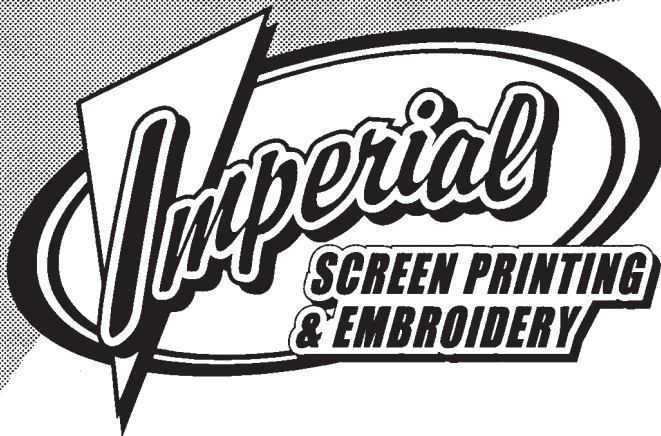
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• Received a letter from Jennifer F. Eames, DC, of Marion Family Chiropractic, supporting the continuation of public access cable services for the Town of Marion. "Community television — and having a studio where shows can be taped — is a valuable asset to our town," Ms. Eames wrote. "I hope that the tri-town area is able to continue to support something that offers these opportunities for people in our community."

To that end, longtime public access volunteer and cable TV supporter Eunice Manduca, who was present taping the Selectmen's meeting for broadcast, wanted to voice her concern and frustration over the lack of progress in getting the new public access studio up and running at ORR High School and the reluctance on the part of neighboring tri-town officials to continue Marion's public access programming.

"We're getting nowhere with the cable TV studio at ORR," Ms. Manduca said, adding that she and Debbie Stinson, the director of Comcast's soon-to-be-closed Marion studio, went to ORR to paint the vacant TV studio. "Marion has been doing so much ... to get important information out to the public. Mattapoisett just doesn't care if they close (our studio) down for three to six months because they can still broadcast their Selectmen's meetings. This will be the last taped Marion Selectmen's meeting until (the Tri-Town Public Access Corporation) is set up."

Ms. Manduca referred to the last Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting during which Mattapoisett Select-

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man Raymond Andrews balked at paying an estimated \$4,300 to relocate and reconnect the equipment from Marion's Comcast studio to the new ORR TV studio, and was quoted as saying: "We have one shot with this money and to go through this \$4,300 expense — we don't need to have a studio set up in this building right now ... all we need is for Marion to put a tape in a machine and broadcast over Channel 9."

Ms. Manduca then presented a personal check to the Board of Selectmen for \$1,000 in the hopes that the town could come up with the other \$400 to cover Marion's share of the \$4,300 expense to relocate the studio from Marion to ORR.



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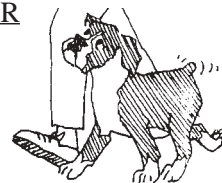
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"I think it's been decided to move the equipment, but it's the hookup," Selectman Jeffrey said. "There's no sense them bringing it there and then coming back another day to hook it up. But the second thing is, even if all three towns agreed on it, we really can't do the contract (to hire someone) ourselves. I do agree that things need to move along here."

"It would be a shame to see it just go down the drain," Ms. Manduca said. "What we're concerned about is if you shut down Channel 9 (in Marion), people will stop thinking about it and you won't be able to bring it back."

"Since this will be the last meeting that Comcast tapes for us, let me just say thanks to (Eunice Manduca) and Debbie Stinson for providing this service to the town," Selectman Jeffrey added.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:54 pm.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

March 14, 2005

By Eletha M. Yeaton

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 14 at 7:05 pm by Chairman Gary Laboa. Also present were Selectman Richard Nunes, Selectman Bradford Morse, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The Selectmen first approved and signed the appointment of Dispatcher Jon Weedall to the position of Permanent Part-Time Dispatcher for the Rochester Communications Center. The appointment by seniority was to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Permanent Part-Time Dispatcher Jay Stapleton.

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The board then met with Chairman Arnold Johnson, Robert Cummings, and Donald Jones of the Planning Board and Town Planner Randall Kunz to discuss the possibility of increased hours, responsibilities, and the future of the Town Planner. Plans for a shared Tri-Town Planner to serve Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester are on hold at present, but Rochester is faced with a substantial increase in development. The position of Town Planner is of the utmost importance. The question before the board and the Finance Committee (FinCom) was whether to increase the 30 hours per week as the job description now to up to 40 hours per week.

In truth, Mr. Kunz often works many more than 30 hours. He is the person any prospective homeowner or

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developer first meets and finds information about the town regulations, zoning, permit processing, and the like. He is the administrator of the planning office and consultant to the Planning Board, as well as appropriate committees and subcommittees. Although he works extra hours, Mr. Kunz would not like to commit to 40 hours at this time.

FinCom member Shirley Bourque asked for information concerning the hours worked and the job description and both were clarified during the discussion.

Mr. Johnson then gave a detailed presentation of some of the many problems facing the town and its growth. Examples were the need for an updated Master Plan, zoning updates and changes, necessary by-law changes, and stormwater rules and regulations. In addition to Mr. Kunz informing new people about what the town wants, regulations, and zoning, it would be helpful if they met with the Planning Board engineer before coming before the board.

Mr. Jones added he thought Mr. Kunz's performance was excellent according to his job description and the hours he devoted, but he felt that a certified Town Planner with knowledge could get grants for the town.

Building Inspector Robert Francis addressed the issue of zoning by-laws and suggested that they should be reviewed before presentation to Town Meeting. In the past, he recalled, one member from each town board would meet for input concerning by-laws. Chairman Laboa replied that often it was a time constraint that precluded such input, but all by-laws are reviewed by Town Counsel before they go before Town Meeting.

Mr. Johnson then pointed out that day-to-day dealings with multi-developers, some of which are very high stakes for the town, are of primary importance right now. Mr. Huntoon remarked that developers are coming into Town Hall everyday and it is important to have Mr.

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Selectman Morse added that they should get back to monthly meetings with department heads as they are very necessary for all aspects of town progress. Selectman Nunes wants more planning and more input to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Kunz replied that there is much planning going on, and he will meet with the Selectmen any time the board puts him on the agenda.

The next appointment on the agenda was with Shirley Borque and other members of the Finance Committee. They wished to clarify several line items in the proposed budget, and these were discussed. They included several items in the Building Commissioner's



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budget — particularly an increase in fees for the inspectors. Mr. Francis explained that the permit fees go into the general fund and are always more than inspector fees paid from the General Fund. The \$3 increase is in line with fees of surrounding towns.

In answer to a question from Selectman Nunes, Mr. Francis said he had seven inspectors, most of whom have worked for the town for many years. Mr. Francis also explained the cost of supplies when his office is moved to the Town Hall Annex in the Rochester Woman's Club.

In addition, the FinCom would like to meet with the Selectmen to go over the entire budget. This meeting has been set for Saturday, March 26 at 9:00 am. Generally speaking, the budget reflects only a 3 percent increase in certain salary contracts, but otherwise has been level funded.

Mr. Huntoon reported that Saturday, March 19 at 4:00 pm, the Red Sox World Series Trophy would be at the Memorial School for viewing by residents. In addition, the next Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting will be on Thursday, March 24 at 6:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional High School.

Under correspondence, the board received:

- Letter from Town Counsels Perry, Hicks, Crotty, and Deshaies, LLP, updating the situation between the Board of Health and Sol Brothers, Inc.
- Letter from Town Treasurer John A. Hall in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL)

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Chapter 41, Section 109, submitting his resignation from the position of Treasurer of the Town of Rochester, effective midnight March 31, 2005. Mr. Huntoon informed the board that the 13 days between that date and the Town Election where one candidate was running for the Town Treasurer position should be filled by someone appointed by the Board of Selectmen. It was decided to take this appointment under advisement until the Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, March 28, since Chairman Laboa would not be present on March 21.

- Letter from the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School notifying the Board of Selectmen that each town must select an appointing committee to appoint one person to the Old Colony Regional School

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- Letter from the Department of Agricultural Resources concerning the nomination of Inspector of Animals. Nominated are: Anne Estabrook, 1 Estabrook Way, and Alex Wheeler, 435 County Road, West Wareham.

- Notice from the Mattapoisett Wind Power Study Committee concerning the presentation and tour of the wind turbine installed at the Hull Municipal Light on Saturday, April 2 at 11:00 am. If a sufficient number of people reply, there is discussion about taking a bus.

- Letter from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announcing that Rochester has been awarded a grant for 25 rain barrels and 25 water conservation kits. The grant is valued at \$388.

- Letter from State Senator Joan Menard extending her thanks to Chairman Laboa and the Board of Selectmen for bringing the Red Sox World Series Trophy to Rochester on March 19. She plans to attend the event.

- Letter from SEMASS outlining an increase in their Host Fee from \$2.72 per ton to \$2.76 per ton for 2005.

Old Business concerning the Council on Aging (COA) board vacancy was placed on hold for future discussion. The COA is holding a tea on Wednesday, March 16 for the wives of town officials. The COA is also considering a plan to have young people adopt a senior.

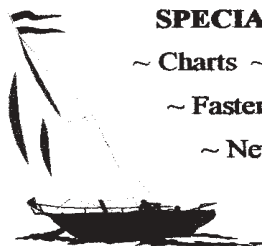
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Wareham Recreation

Wareham Recreation will be holding the town's **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** at Minot Forest School on Saturday, March 26 at 10:00 am. Ages 2 to 7 are encouraged to attend. Find the colored eggs hidden by the Easter Bunny. Each participant will receive an Easter goodie bag. Two grand prizes will be hidden among the brightly colored eggs. Children should bring an Easter basket to help collect eggs. Don't miss out on this annual event. Pre-registration is a must by calling 508-291-3100, extension 3159. Please dress warm, as there is no telling what the weather might be like!

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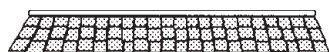


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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

On March 7 the Marion Planning Board held a hearing on proposed Zoning By-Law changes to be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting in April. Exactly four residents were there to listen and make comments and suggestions. Year after year various zoning amendments are brought before voters at Town Meetings. Most of us are poorly informed about our choices. We make hasty decisions often influenced by a few vocal residents who speak out at meetings and who often pursue changes for their own benefit.

It is vital for the future of Marion that we all pay attention to planning proposals, attend hearings, get informed and be ready to vote wisely when Town Meeting time comes.

As well as attending meetings you can access the By-Laws in effect now at www.townofmarion.org and find out what the Planning Board is working on and send your ideas to planning_bd@townofmarion.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Brainard
Marion

To the Editor:

In a September 2004 report, the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy made aware that our oceans are in crisis. Right here in Massachusetts our oceans are being over-fished and too many New England favorites face serious risk. Due to the over-fishing off our coasts there is a severe depletion of cod stocks, leading to the potential collapse of the fishery. We cannot

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Fortunately, Congress has an opportunity to act with a pending bill that would address some of the problems facing our oceans. The Fisheries Management Reform Act (FMRA) will fix existing regional management policies by helping to eliminate long-standing conflicts of interest, unbalanced representation and poor conservation decisions in the fisheries management system. I am asking State Representative William H. Straus to support FMRA and be a true leader in the protection of our Atlantic legacy.

Sincerely,

Emily Maynard

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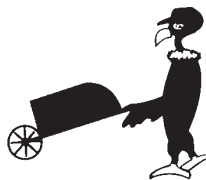
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Marion VFW Dinner

The Benjamin D. Cushing Post 2425 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of Marion announce a Steak Dinner honoring Marion Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) for their dedication to duty. The dinner will take place at the VFW Pavilion on Route 6 in Marion beginning at 7:00 pm on Saturday, March 26. Tickets are \$10 per person and the menu will feature barbecued steak, salad with "Napoli" dressing, baked potato, green beans, Italian rolls and butter, coffee, and ice cream for dessert. Other refreshments will be available at the bar. For tickets or more information, please call "Gabby" McWilliams at 508-

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Driver's Education Class

Enrollment for the next Driver's Education Class at Old Rochester Regional High School is now taking place. Due to a change in state law, a student must be at least 15 years, 9 months of age on or before March 21, 2005 in order to enroll in the class. Students from ORR will be given first available seats.

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the Martin Auto School directly to sign up. The class will be scheduled to begin on Monday, March 21. The classes will be held Monday through Thursday at ORR High School in Room 249 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and run for three and one half weeks. The course cost is \$200. This includes 30 hours of classroom, 6 hours behind the wheel, and 6 hours of observation.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

Join the Mattapoisett Woman's Club at 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 17 at Reynard Hall (Congregational Church) and hear Annie Hart Cool performing as an Irish woman telling tales. Annie, an award-winning performer, writer and comedian, embodies her ancestor Grandma Gertie and takes the audience on a light-hearted trip to the old country. What better way to beat the wintry blahs? All are welcome and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Janet at 508-758-8992.

ORR Students of the Month

Simonne J. Conlon, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, recently announced the following Students of the Month for February 2005:

- GREEN TEAM – **Alexis Tabakow** and **Timothy Baptista**;
- ORANGE TEAM – **Shannon O'Donoghue** and **Cody Geary**;
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Marion Path Presentation

Rails to Trails expert Craig Della Penna will speak at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 24 in the Sippican Elementary School auditorium in Marion. Mr. Della Penna will have a PowerPoint presentation on the creation of local and national pathways. Pathways are places where people can safely jog, walk, bicycle and stroll through town without motorized vehicles.

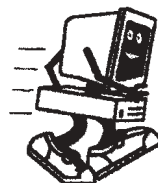
A representative from the Marion Pathways committee will also speak briefly about the current status of the town pathway which will connect with the Mattapoisett pathway and extend into Marion and on into Wareham. The Marion Pathway committee has worked hard to see that the town moves forward with plans to have a safe space for all town residents and guests to walk, bike or push a baby carriage without intrusion by cars and trucks. The presentation is free and open to the public. Please attend.

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Marion Nursing Scholarships

Friends of the Marion Visiting Nurses Scholarship applications are now available. They may be obtained at the Guidance Offices of Old Rochester Regional High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, Bishop Stang High School, and Tabor Academy.

The scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors, pursuing the nursing or medical field at an accredited two- or four-year school. Applicants must reside in the towns of Marion, Mattapoissett or Rochester.

Author in Marion

Best-selling author Jim Trelease will address parents, teachers and the public at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 22 in the Sippican School Auditorium in Marion. Mr. Trelease is the author of *The New York Times* bestseller, *The Read-Aloud Handbook*. He will speak on "Reading

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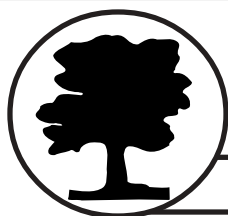
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Hostage. Starring Bruce Willis and Kevin Pollak.
 Directed by Florent Siri. Running time: 113 minutes. MPAA rating: R.

Bruce Willis does movies like *Hostage* to keep his game sharp, but he used to be sharper. The obvious parallel is to *Die Hard*, Willis' entry into big-stakes cinema almost twenty years ago (can it really be?). There, he carried some of his brash *Moonlighting* persona into what could've been a standard-issue action hero, and he was surrounded by fine, vivid actors, not least Alan Rickman in a brilliant sneering-Eurotrash performance no one has quite matched since. *Hostage* is sorely lacking in *divertissements* and wit and all-around fun; it's what you might call a tense, taut thriller, and it raises the ante by endangering children — which, for those of us who know the unwritten Hollywood rule that kids must be unscathed, doesn't exactly keep us on the edge of our seats.

Hostage is reasonably competent and breathlessly paced; the director, Florent Siri (who has filmed the "cut scenes" in various Tom Clancy video games), keeps things cracking. But the story, taken from a novel by Robert Crais, is by-the-numbers Hollywood crisis management. Willis is Jeff Talley, a former L.A. hostage negotiator who fails to rescue a child — which *seems* to violate the unwritten rule, but it's really just a Past Trauma that explains why Jeff shaves his beard and skull and demotes himself to a desk cop in a smaller county.

Wouldn't you know, though, that Jeff gets pulled into another hostage situation? Three amoral teenagers, led by a sociopathic Ben Foster (from *Six Feet Under*), invade the house of a rich accountant (Kevin Pollak) in search of money. What they don't know is that Pollak possesses a DVD containing data that shadowy men will kill to get — and these same men kidnap Jeff's wife and daughter to force him to capture the disc and bring it to them. The disc is disguised as a DVD of the 1943 Gene Tierney movie *Heaven Can Wait*, leading to a mildly amusing movie-geek moment when a character has to choose between that and the 1978 Warren Beatty movie of the same name.

So Jeff has *three* kids to worry about — his own (played by Willis' daughter Rumer), and Pollak's two kids, a semi-goth chick and a resourceful little boy who seems to have the run of the whole house via secret passageways. (They were left there, I assume, by a good-hearted set designer.) Yes, the movie is *Die Hard* meets *Panic Room*, though with none of the sleek fun of the former or the claustrophobic



dread of the latter. The teenagers hold shaky command of the house, undermined by their own nervousness, except for ice-blooded Ben Foster, who turns up in security-camera footage from the scene of an earlier crime, shooting a convenience-store clerk and pausing to watch him die. (If he's identifiable from the videotape, why wasn't he caught?)

Jeff has to do some fancy footwork, flouting the local authorities to negotiate with the other two scared criminals; at one point he arranges an elaborate ruse to get them out of the house so that Pollak's little boy can sneak around and nab the DVD, but why doesn't he just ask the teenagers for it (instead of going through the pretense of demanding their stolen money in exchange for a getaway helicopter)? And who exactly are the shadowy men who want the data? If *Hostage* stays with you at all, it's because it inspires many parking-lot questions. You know the type; you're walking to the car with your friends and you keep saying "Yeah, but..."

Be that as it may, *Hostage* is acceptable for what it is — a no-frills vehicle for Bruce Willis, playing a man who may be too sensitive to be a cop. (He cries several times, though a gelatin fear sticks to his eyelid at one point and doesn't fall, and then in other shots it vanishes, and then it's there again. It's a goofy continuity error to let slip nowadays, when the filmmakers can easily wipe it in the computer.) Willis has gathered some *gravitas* over the years, to the point where his antics in something like *The Whole Nine Yards* seem like a surprising change of pace. He's going to get hard-boiled yet again in *Sin City*, coming in April. But I miss the old Bruno, the guy who crawled through air vents in *Die Hard* (much like the little boy does in this film) and said "Now I know what a TV dinner feels like." Remember that? Yeah, you do. Will you remember anything Willis says in *Hostage* eighteen years from now? No, you won't.

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 The Jacket (R) – 7:30, 9:45
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 Ice Princess (G) – 1:05, 3:45, 7:05, 9:20
 Robots (PG) – 1:00, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30, 5:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:00
 The Aviator (PG-13) – 7:30
 Hitch (PG-13) – 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 9:40
 The Pacifier (PG) – 1:15, 3:10, 5:10, 7:15, 9:15
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Tuesday, March 22 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, ham sandwich, potato puffs, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 23 – French toast sticks, bologna sandwich, sausage link, fresh assorted fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 24 – Hot dog on a roll, turkey sandwich, potato puffs, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, March 25 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, March 21 – Minestrone soup, sliced roast beef with mustard, pasta salad, bulky roll, apple.

Tuesday, March 22 – Teriyaki chicken, Asian rice, Far East vegetables, whole wheat roll, applesauce, raisins.

Wednesday, March 23 – Pasta with meatballs, mixed vegetables, Vienna bread, tapioca pudding, sugar-free pudding.

Thursday, March 24 – Meat loaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, oatmeal bread, chocolate fudge cake, graham wafer.

Friday, March 25 – Salmon

boat with dill sauce, red bliss potatoes, chopped broccoli, multi-grain roll, chocolate pudding, sugar-free pudding.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPoisETT

Monday, March 21 – Chicken pattie on a roll, lettuce/tomato, oven puffs, chicken noodle soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Tuesday, March 22 – Toasted cheese, creamy tomato soup, tossed salad greens, fresh apple, milk.

Wednesday, March 23 – Spaghetti with meatballs, hot garlic bread, steamed green beans, wedding soup, chilled pears, milk.

Thursday, March 24 – Pepperoni pocket, chicken rice soup, tossed salad greens, chilled mixed fruit, milk.

Friday, March 25 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, March 21 – Baked macaroni and cheese, turkey sandwich, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 22 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, ham sandwich, potato puffs, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 23 – French toast sticks, bologna sandwich, sausage link, fresh assorted fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 24 – Hot dog on a roll, turkey sandwich, potato puffs, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, March 25 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, March 21 – Chicken pattie on a roll, lettuce/tomato, oven puffs, chicken noodle soup, chilled

pineapple, milk.

Tuesday, March 22 – Toasted cheese, creamy tomato soup, tossed salad greens, fresh apple, milk.

Wednesday, March 23 – Spaghetti with meatballs, hot garlic bread, steamed green beans, wedding soup, chilled pears, milk.

Thursday, March 24 – Pepperoni pocket, chicken rice soup, tossed salad greens, chilled mixed fruit, milk.

Friday, March 25 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 21 – Chicken pattie, French fries, peas, cranberry sauce, peaches.

Tuesday, March 22 – Bacon burger, potato puffs, green beans, fruit, cookie.

Wednesday, March 23 – Orange juice, stuffed shells, Italian grinder, salad, pudding.

Thursday, March 24 – Turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes, carrots, dessert.

Friday, March 25 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPoisETT

Monday, March 21 – Chicken pattie on a roll, lettuce/tomato, oven puffs, chicken noodle soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Tuesday, March 22 – Toasted cheese, creamy tomato soup, tossed salad greens, fresh apple, milk.

Wednesday, March 23 – Spaghetti with meatballs, hot garlic bread, steamed green beans, wedding soup, chilled pears, milk.

Thursday, March 24 – Pepperoni pocket, chicken rice soup, tossed salad greens, chilled mixed fruit, milk.

Friday, March 25 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

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Monday, March 21 – Sloppy Joe on a roll, hash browns, chicken teriyaki pattie on a roll, steamed green beans, minestrone soup, milk.

Tuesday, March 22 – Chicken fajitas, lettuce/tomato, cheese, Steak'Um and cheese sub, nachos with cheese sauce, chicken noodle soup, chilled pears, milk.

Wednesday, March 23 – Stuffed shells in sauce, tossed salad greens, hot garlic bread, popcorn chicken bites, wedding soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Thursday, March 24 – Oven baked chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, cheese quesadillas, cranberry sauce, steamed peas, chilled peaches, milk.

Friday, March 25 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, March 21 – Chicken pattie on a roll, lettuce/tomato, oven puffs, chicken noodle soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Tuesday, March 22 – Toasted cheese, creamy tomato soup, tossed salad greens, fresh apple, milk.

Wednesday, March 23 – Spaghetti with meatballs, hot garlic bread, steamed green beans, wedding soup, chilled pears, milk.

Thursday, March 24 – Pepperoni pocket, chicken rice soup, tossed salad greens, chilled mixed fruit, milk.

Friday, March 25 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

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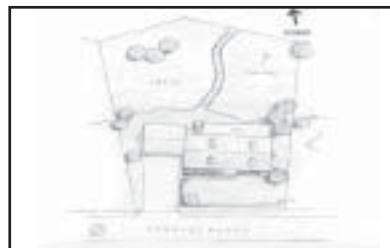
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Luck o' the Irish

By **Kenneth J. Souza**
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I've always been a little bit envious of the Irish if only for the fact that they've somehow managed to turn a modest celebration of their culture into a bonafide holiday here in America. When you really stop and think about it, there's virtually no other ethnic group which can lay claim to a specific and widely-recognized "holiday."

Christmas — despite becoming overly-commercialized and secularized — was originally a religious holiday; Halloween spilled over from Celtic mythology; the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving are largely American concoctions; and we all know that Valentine's Day and Mother's Day were created by the drones at Hallmark to give us at least two more reasons to buy overpriced greeting cards.

But there's nothing even remotely comparable to Saint Patrick's Day among the Italians, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Japanese, Chinese ... or any other heritage which makes up our great American melting pot. To be sure, every ethnic group has their own claim to fame, be it culinary delights or even the occasional commemoration of an historic event. I suppose Columbus Day would qualify as a quasi-Italian holiday, although the bulk of Christopher's crew was, in fact, Spanish and Portuguese.

But just the mention of Saint Patrick's Day immediately conjures images of smiling leprechauns, shamrocks, flowing pints of green beer, and "Kiss Me I'm Irish!" stickers.

Think about it: it is the quintessential Irish holiday and yet it really has no historic significance other than it commemorates the death of its patron name-sake on March 17 in the year 461.

Even the legends and folklore surrounding Saint Patrick seem to be more fiction than fact. His oft-cited claim-to-fame of "driving the snakes out of Ireland" seems doubtful since no snakes were ever native to Ireland. But like many religious parables, this is believed to be a metaphor for his conversion of the Pagans to Christianity.

The three-leaf clover or shamrock at least has

some religious relevance. It is said that Saint Patrick used it in his sermons to explain how the Holy Trinity — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — could be separate

parts of the same entity. This led to his followers wearing the green shamrock on his feast day: March 17.

Not surprisingly, Saint Patrick's Day was first celebrated here in America in nearby Boston in 1737 and I suspect the annual parades and pub parties haven't stopped since. And when even more Irish immigrated to the United States in the mid-1800s, the holiday only increased in popularity.

They say everyone's Irish on Saint Patrick's Day, and I guess that's certainly true here in New England where if you're not by birth, you probably know someone who is or, if you're *really* lucky like me, you've married into a wonderful Irish family.

Oddly enough, Saint Patrick's Day isn't really a significant holiday to my wife nor is it to many Irish people in general.

Which begs the question: why is Saint Patrick's Day so popular in the first place and why will local pubs today be filled with people hoisting pints of green beer in celebration of a guy who may or may not have driven a bunch of snakes out of Ireland nearly 1600 years ago?

Coming close to the official start of spring — at least according to the calendar — I like to think Saint Patrick's Day is a way of relieving some of the pent-up stress and cabin fever we've all been experiencing during the doldrums of winter. And with this never-ending Winter of 2005 about to fade forever into oblivion, we all could do with a little celebrating, don't you think?

So raise those glasses, say I, to a variation of an old Irish toast: *May the Winter of 2005 follow you the rest of your life ... but never catch up!*

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- Park Street – animal complaint
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Converse Road – medical emergency
- Allen Street – vandalism/past
- Front Street – found property
- Jerei Lane – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – officer wanted
- Meadow Lane – paper service
- Front Street – officer wanted
- Spring Street – family offense/adult arrest (abuse/violation of prevention order)
- Front Street – adult arrest (warrant, failure to appear)
- Front Street – larceny/past
- South Street – animal complaint
- Point Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Point Road – family offense
- Point Road – lost property
- Gifford's Corner Road – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – suspicious activity
- Moorings Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Zora Road – animal complaint
- Converse Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- County Road – animal complaint
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street – officer wanted
- Spring Street – found property
- County Road – family disturbance/adult arrest (assault and battery with dangerous weapon, assault and

battery domestic)

- Wareham Road – disturbance
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road – assist other police department
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- County Road – larceny/past
- Route 195 West – assist other police department
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Pinewood Drive – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – vehicle fire
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Sherman's Way – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Abels Way – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Pitcher Street – annoying phone calls
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle complaint.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of March 6, 2005 through March 11, 2005:

- Acushnet Road – officer wanted
- Wolf Island Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Alderberry Lane – peace officer
- Cathaway Lane – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Acushnet Road – animal control
- County Road – property returned
- Long Plain Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road – assist other agency
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- County Road – property found
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Meadow Lane – larceny/forgery/

fraud

- Marion Road – disorderly person
- Meadow Lane – civil complaint
- County Road – property returned
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Pearl Street – possible breaking and entering in progress
- Woodlawn Avenue – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Crystal Spring Road – vandalism
- Marion Road – disturbance
- Homestead Court – summons service
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Industrial Drive – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- North Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Marion Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Fairhaven Road – lost dog
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of March 4, 2005 through March 8, 2005:

- Wareham – suspicious activity
- Mayflower Lane – animal control
- Dexter Lane – assist citizen
- County Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Road – civil complaint
- Dexter Lane – animal complaint
- Alley Road – animal complaint
- Dexter Lane – assist other agency
- Dexter Lane – larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Road – animal control
- Dexter Lane – runaway
- County Road – suspicious activity
- Marion Road – assist other agency
- Dexter Lane – assist citizen
- Woodland Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Ryder Road – officer wanted
- County Road – property found/lost/recovered
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Starring in this lavish production are senior Martin Pasquill as Father, senior Jocelyn Hotte as Mother, sophomore Doug Zeppenfeld as Younger Brother, and seventh-grader Koby Williamson as the young son Edgar. Senior Nate Valente is ragtime piano player Coalhouse Walker, Jr. and senior Nicole Franklin plays his love interest Sara. Sophomore Aaron Valente is Tateh, the immigrant, with fifth-grader Mikayla Florio as his daugh-

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ACROSS

- 1 Myron Floren's boss
5 Malcolm — Warner
10 Priam's kingdom
14 Daddy duck
19 Adams or Sedgwick
20 Napoleon's fate
21 Something to skip?
22 De Valera of Ireland
23 Start of a remark by Dan Post
26 Rectify
27 Sprinted
28 Part of a suit
29 Pastoral poem
30 Sherbet flavor
31 Norm
32 Rib —
34 One of "Them!"
35 Dirty
37 Part 2 of remark
45 Colleague of Dolly and Loretta
46 Mature
47 Peachy-keen
48 Plumb crazy
49 "Maria —" ('41 song)

- 51 College growth
52 Before, to Byron
53 Mendicant monk
54 Utter
56 See 90
59 Across
61 Dispute
62 Hibachi residue
63 Oaf
65 "Love — the Ruins" ('75 film)
66 Part 3 of remark
69 "I Got a Name" singer
73 Add info
74 Mil. group
76 Genesis vessel
79 "Little —" ('64 hit)
81 "Be my guest!"
82 God with a trident
84 Storms
85 — Dinh Diem
87 Paw part of Astaire
88 Jergens or
89 Field of knowledge
90 With 56 Across, common appetizer

- 92 Chimney part
93 Duel tool
94 Part 4 of remark
97 Domino or Waller
98 Herriot title start
99 "Excuse me"
100 Western st.
101 Mugabe of Zimbabwe
105 Whetstone
107 Out of control
109 She's a sheep date
112 Venerate
113 End of remark
117 "The Kiss" sculptor
118 One of the Waughs
119 "East of Eden" director
120 Imminent
121 Upright
122 Michael of "Cabaret"
123 Unkempt
124 "Vissi d'—" ("Tosca" aria)

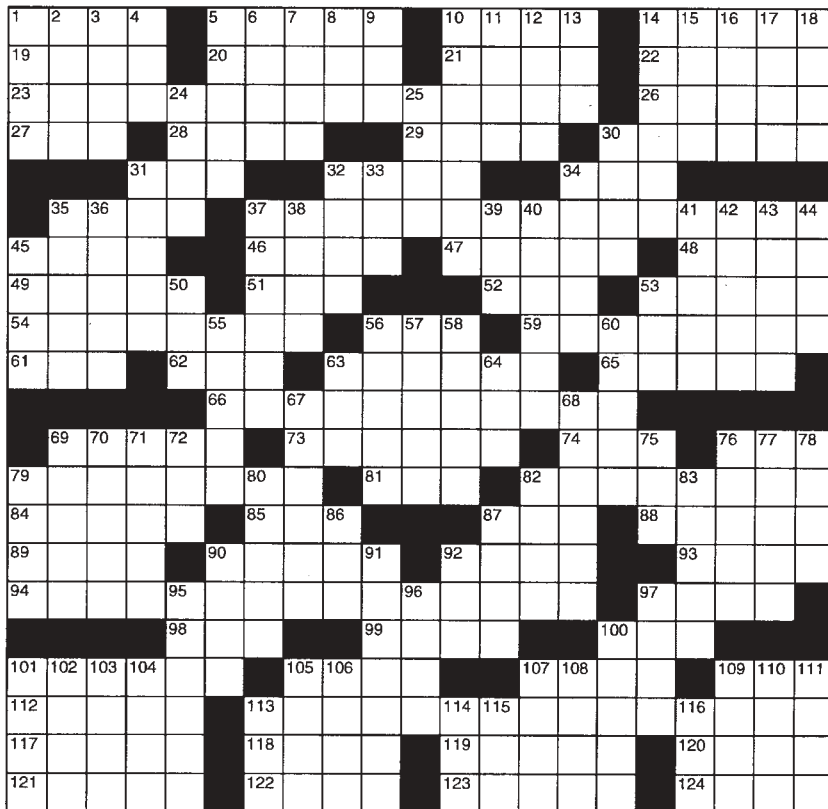
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- 1 Sport
2 O'Brien or Skinner
3 Mortgage, e.g.

- 4 Beer barrel
5 Baseball's Derek
6 Shaft
7 Freshen a fuchsia
8 Cover girl Carol
9 Kapaa keepsake
10 Auto
11 Actress
12 Fall birthstone
13 Craving
14 Lack
15 "— Lama Ding Dong" ('61 tune)
16 Prayer finale
17 Hong —
18 "The NeverEnding Story" author
24 — Office
25 Regret audibly
30 In the know
31 Nero's instrument
32 Duplicate
33 Savored the seitan
34 Fall flower
35 David of "Dark Shadows"
36 Too tubby
37 Twist and turn
38 Bee flat?

- 39 Born
40 You'll get a kick out of it
41 Texas landmark
42 Symbol
43 Buttercream, e.g.
44 Laramie or Sumter
45 Devour
50 — carte
53 "Fee, Fi, Fo, — . . ."
55 Leading man?
56 Container
57 Arm bones
58 Annie of "Designing Women"
60 Jets and Sharks
63 Opening
64 UK honor
67 Delayed
68 Worn down
69 Cugat consort
70 Mississippi or Missouri
71 New York city
72 Bk.
75 It's in the bag
76 Skilled
77 Romeo and Juliet
78 Banjo locale
79 Grouch
80 Register

- 82 Hogan or Hindemith
83 Perfect
86 Word with baby or snake
87 Horner's fruit
90 Sensed
91 New Jersey town
92 Adversary
95 One who no's best?
96 "What a relief!"
97 Charlatan
100 Uncool
101 Hard to find
102 Miasma
103 Portend
104 Rohmer or Carmen
105 Sign of sanctity
106 "Glad All —" ('64 hit)
107 Carpenter's tool
108 Knight's quaff
109 Kind of pitcher
110 "Huh?"
111 Bronte heroine
113 Horse hash
114 Endorses
115 Duncan's denial
116 "Jurassic Park" stuff



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Disappointed about something that didn't go your way? Cheer up. Look at the reasons it happened, and you could find a valuable lesson about what to do (or not do!) the next time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to do some reassessing of plans and goals — even how you considered redoing your bathroom. The point is to be open to change if change can improve things.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Take some time to learn who is the right person (or persons) to approach and discuss your ideas with for your new project. Also, reserve time to prepare for an upcoming family event.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a demanding situation, as you recently did, could drain much of your own emotional reserves. Take time to relax and indulge yourself in some well-earned pampering.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The regal Lion might feel that she or he is above emotional displays. But showing your feelings can be liberating for you, and reassuring for someone who has been waiting for you to do so.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An emotionally needy person might make more demands than you can cope with. Best to ask for some breathing space NOW, before resentment sets in and makes communication difficult.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An unexpected spate of mixed signals could cause serious schedule setbacks. Best to focus on straightening everything out as soon as possible and get everyone back on track.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be aware that someone in the workplace could try to use a disagreement with a colleague against you. If so, be prepared to offer your side of the story with the facts to back you up.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected challenge to a previous decision can be unsettling. But your reservoir of self-confidence — plus your loyal supporters — should help carry the day for you. Good luck.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While the idea of making some sort of major move in the near future continues to interest you, don't overlook a new possibility that could be emerging closer to home.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful not to base an upcoming decision on gossip or anything you might hear if it can't meet provable standards. That's true regardless of whom the source might be.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still need to do some solid reassessing early in the week before you can close that sensitive situation. A new job-related opportunity could present itself later in the week.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are extraordinarily sensitive to people's feelings, and you're always ready to offer comfort if necessary.

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ter. Junior Jeannie Duggan plays Evelyn Nesbitt, junior Evan Berry plays Henry Ford, Harry Houdini is sophomore Kevin Blake, senior T.J. Murphy is J. P. Morgan, junior Shanice Green plays Booker T. Washington and Emma Goldman is played by senior Francis McGaffey.

Old Rochester Regional High School is the first school in the Bay State area to perform *Ragtime*. The school has a 13-year tradition of being the first in this region to perform many of its plays, such as *Les Miserables*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *Into the Woods* and *Oliver*.

Tickets are \$8 for students and senior citizens, and \$12 for adults. They can be purchased in advance at The Marion General Store, Plumb Corner in Rochester and the Seaport Village Coffee and Ice Cream Shoppe on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. For ticket information, please call 508-291-1262.

Performances start at 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 31; Friday, April 1; and Saturday April 2. There will also be a 2:00 pm matinee on Sunday, April 3.

Sippican Memorial Garden

When Principal Marylou Hobson retired from Sippican School last June, she was asked what she would like to receive in honor of her fourteen years of service. Her answer was simple and inspired — a children's garden in memory of the four students who had died during her tenure as principal: Alexis Wisner, Marques Sylvia, Cory Jackson, and Andrew Rego. No gold watch,



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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 21, 2005, at 4:45 PM in the Town Administrator's Office of the Marion Town House, on the variance application requested by Roberta David, pertaining to the property located at 24 West Drive. The property is further identified as Lot 23 on Assessors' Plan 6. The following variances are requested from Title 5 of the State Environmental Code: 310 CMR 15.104: Percolation Testing: To design the leaching area based on the sieve analysis laboratory results rather than an actual percolation test. 310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater: To install the bottom of the soil absorption system three (3) feet above the maximum high groundwater rather than the minimum four (4) foot requirement. Elizabeth S. Dunn, Chairman 03/10, 03/17</p> <hr/> <p>ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS Rochester, Massachusetts LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Rochester School Committee regarding the 2005-06 school budget at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2005, at the Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street, Rochester, Massachusetts. 03/17</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 4, 2005 at 9PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the following amendment to the zoning by-law: Amend the zoning By-law by adding a new Section 7.4.8 Multiple Unit Rental Housing to permit mixed use of rental units and commercial uses John Rockwell Chairman 03/17, 03/24</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER SOIL BOARD The Town of Rochester Soil Board will hold a hearing for an agricultural Earth Removal Permit of 7:15PM at the Rochester Town Hall on March 31, 2005 in response to an application from Great Bears Farms, Inc. for removal of 60,000 cubic yards of material to enlarge existing water holes and build a new bog. A Plan of Land accompanied the application entitled "Great Bear Farms showing the proposed construction of Pond #1 & 2" dated 02/16/05 by GFA Engineers, 91 School St., Taunton, MA. Plans and application may be reviewed at Town Hall Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Ronald Belrose, Chairman 03/17, 03/24</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at 7:10 PM in the Town House conference room on a</p>	<p>Notice of Intent submitted by KATHLEEN GILES to construct a detached 24' x 28' garage at 42 Tucker Lane, further identified as Lot 6W on Marion Assessors' Map 21. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeffrey W. Oakes, Chairman 03/17</p> <hr/> <p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A NOTICE OF INTENT The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 28, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Robert Saunders, 24 Pico Beach Road, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, Map 6, Lot 6. The applicant proposes to construct a two hundred twenty-four (224) square foot addition and deck. 03/17</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Town House conference room on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D-1216 submitted by LYSA & DAVID RICCARDI for the following work at 15 Parlowtown Road, shown as Lots 24 & 24A on Marion Assessors' Map 26: (1) upgrade the septic system; (2) enclose two existing decks; (3) construct a 7' x 8' farmer's porch and an 18' x 8' open deck; and (4) construct a 10' x 32' in-law apartment. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeffrey W. Oakes, Chairman 03/17</p> <hr/>	<p>ST. JUDE'S NOVENA May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. 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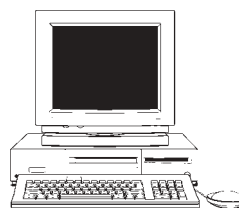
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no fancy gift, nothing with her name on it, just a garden that everyone could enjoy.

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Now the committee is working on the decorative aspects. Ideally, they would like to have four stone



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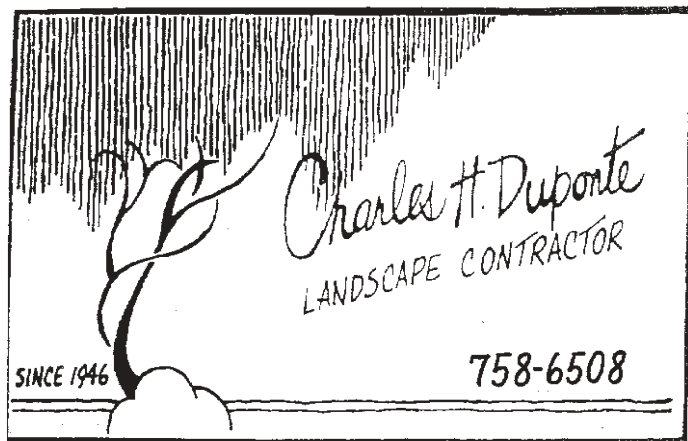
benches, stepping stones, an allee (two rows of three cherry trees on each side) leading into the garden, several large metallic spheres on stands, some butterfly bushes, and perhaps even a few colorful butterfly houses. They would also like to add some more plantings including some spring bulbs. There is currently money available for three benches, so the committee is seeking members of the community who might be willing to donate any of the items mentioned. Perhaps something planted in memory of a loved one or in honor of a favorite teacher. Maybe you'd just like to help make this garden the beautiful, peaceful place Ms. Hobson envisioned.

Whatever the reason, they would love to hear from you. If you have any interest in being a part of the garden, please call Allyn Streeter (508-748-1427) or Nita Howland (508-748-0987).

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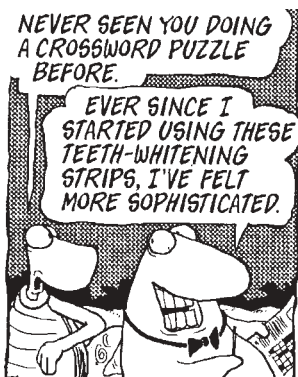
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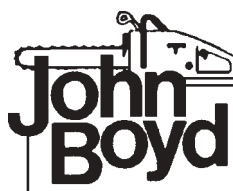
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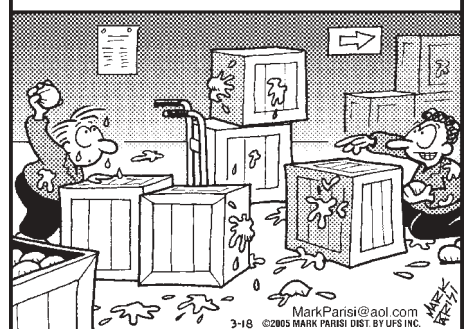
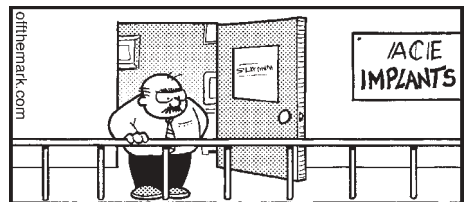
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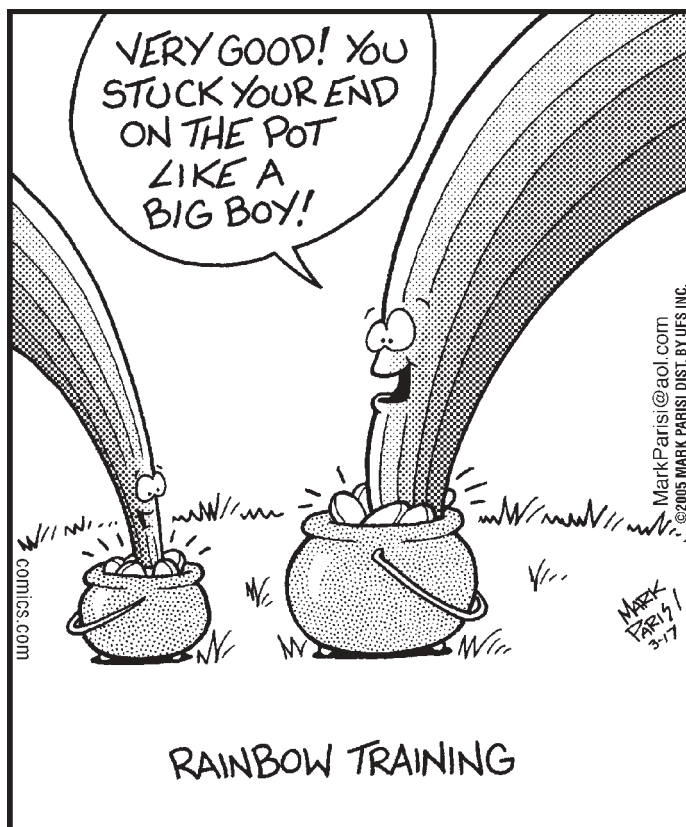
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March 19:	Sat.	2:55	3:26	9:49	8:50
March 20:	Sun.	4:06	4:29	10:32	10:00
March 21:	Mon.	5:03	5:19	11:08	10:53
March 22:	Tues.	5:46	6:01	11:41	11:39
March 23:	Wed.	6:21	6:38	...	12:13
March 24:	Thurs.	6:55	7:12	12:22	12:45
March 25:	Fri.	7:29	7:47	1:02	1:16
March 26:	Sat.	8:05	8:23	1:41	1:46
March 27:	Sun.	8:44	9:02	2:18	2:17
March 28:	Mon.	9:25	9:45	2:55	2:50
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